



The Herrington Report

August 15-19, 2011

Class Wikispace Webpage

<http://herrington4thgrade.wikispaces.com/>

The class website is a place that can be utilized by both students and parents. The main goal of the site is be able to:

- Check our classroom calendar
- Stay up to date on when tests are scheduled
- Practice science concepts with games and other fun things
- Participate in Webquests
- Learn about the scientific method and lab equipment
- Get the vocabulary for the week or unit
- Read the newsletter
- Watch tutorials or videos on science content
- Download and print assignments, rubrics, or other documents
- Review PowerPoint presentations
- Participate in Discussions
- Catch up on missed work more easily

Hopefully the classroom website will be frequented often by the students and parents. You do not have to "join" to be able to see everything on the site. If your preference is to "join" then I will add you after you request it on the site.

Vocabulary and Key Terms for This Week:

These are also located on the classroom website.

qualitative data	funnel
quantitative data	ring stand
abstract	goggles
Erlenmeyer Flask	crucible
petri dish	beaker
mortar & pestle	
test tube	

Assignments: Take Home Science Experiment Project
(Due August 26)



This past week we spent some time relearning how to make good observations and inferences in science. I demonstrated several things, including a pH rainbow tube, a hydrogen test with zinc & hydrochloric acid, plus what happens when you light hydrogen bubbles.

We also had our first lab experience, where students participated in *Drops on a Penny*. We learned a little about surface tension and why the cohesive nature of a water molecule is disrupted by soapy water. Ask about the Magic Pipette and see what they learned!!